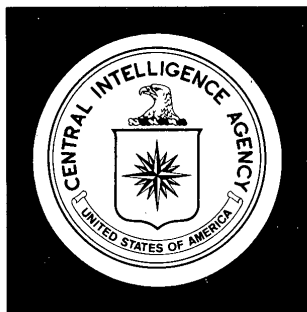




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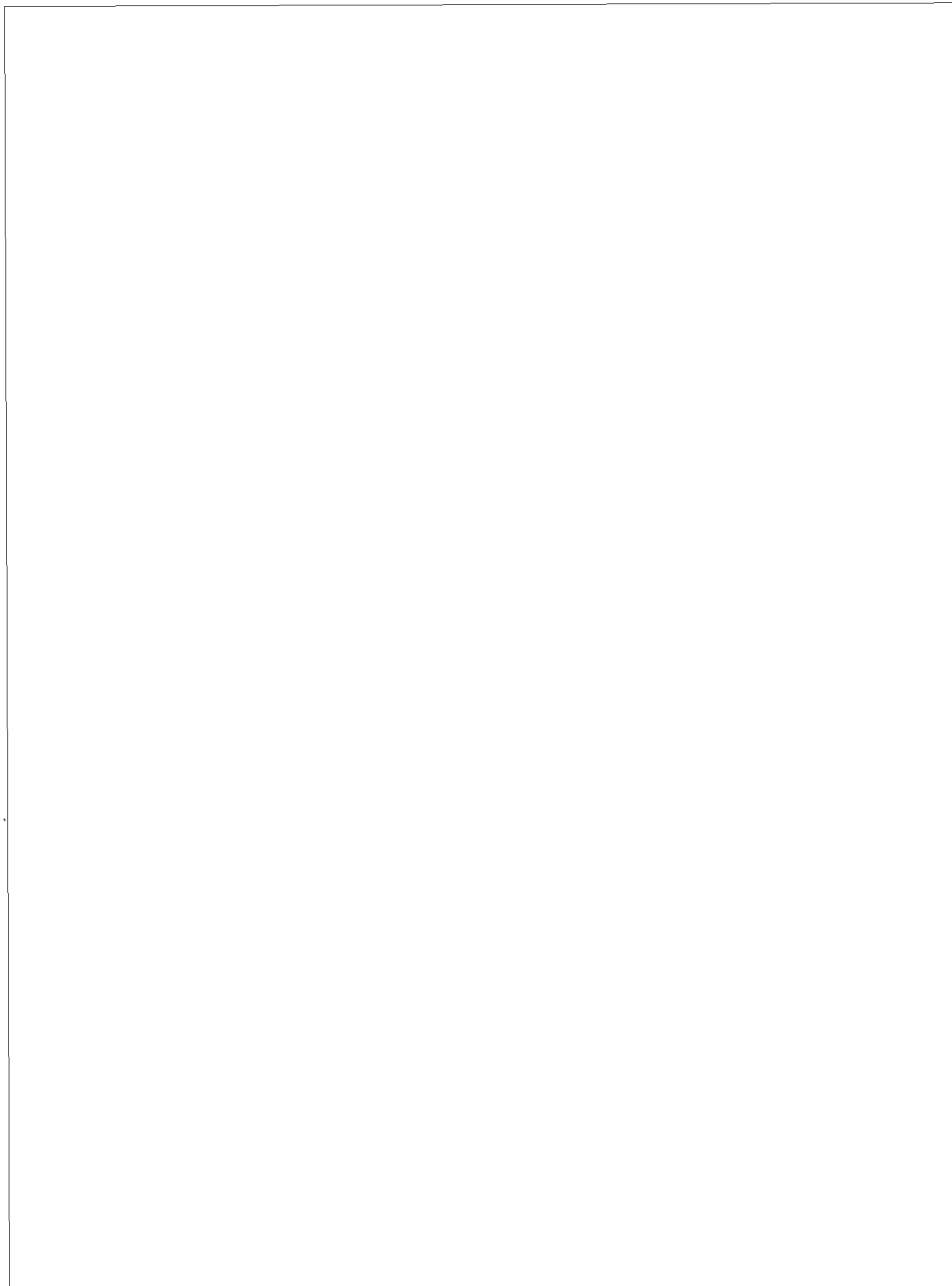
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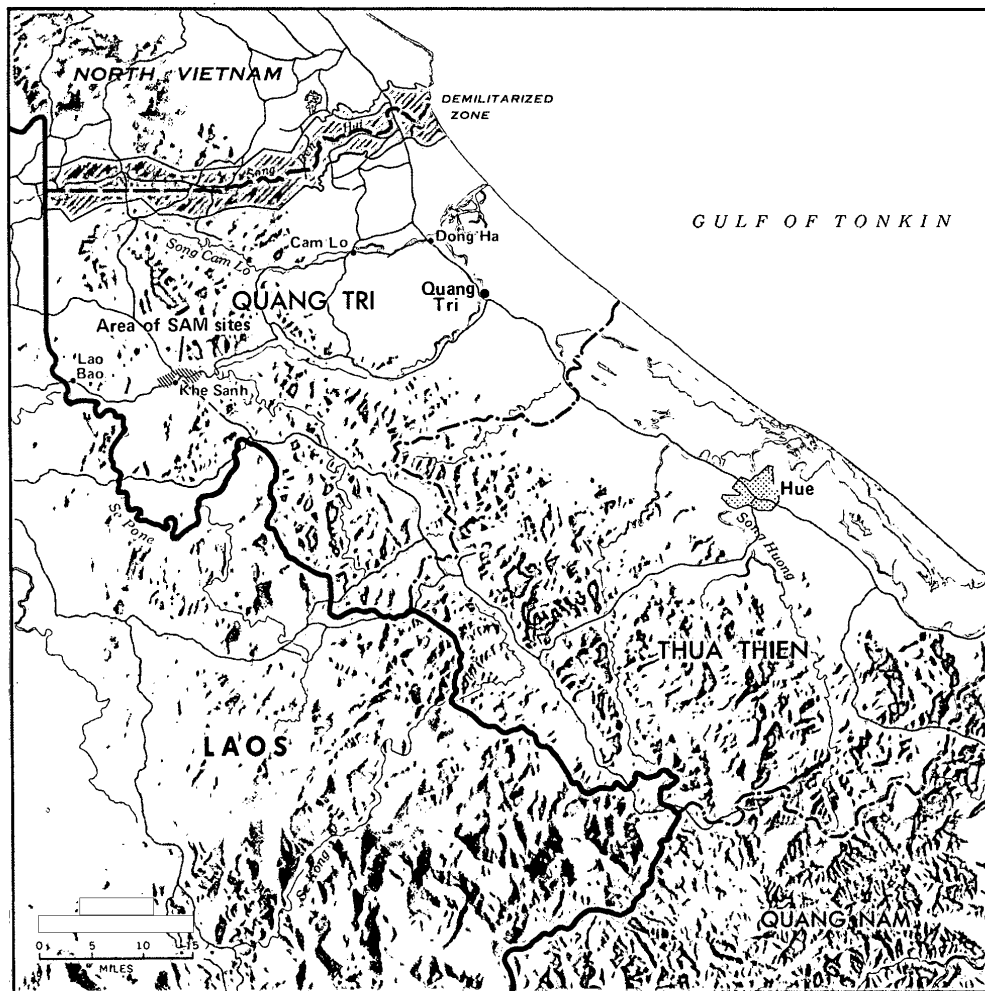
Another SA-2 missile site has been discovered near Khe Sanh in South Vietnam. (Page 1)

The USSR's top leaders will engage in personal diplomacy this spring in an effort to boost detente with Western Europe. (Page 2)

Panamanian Foreign Ministry officials are pleased with the outcome of last month's UN Security Council meeting, but President Torrijos seems concerned that Panama's tactics may have weakened its bargaining position on the canal issue. (Page 3)

Yemen (Sana) has passed a report of an imminent Adeni attack and has appealed to the US for military aid. (Page 4)

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SOUTH VIETNAM

A second operational SA-2 missile site has been identified in the Khe Sanh area of Quang Tri Province.



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The new SA-2 sites are part of the continuing Communist air defense buildup around the military complex at Khe Sanh.



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USSR

Premier Kosygin's visit to Sweden, which begins today, is the first in a series of trips to the West by Soviet leaders this spring. President Podgorny is due in Finland tomorrow, and Brezhnev will journey to West Germany, probably in May.

Kosygin's five-day stay in Sweden will crown increased Soviet-Swedish exchanges over the past two years, but it is likely to be long on atmospherics and short on substance.

Podgorny's will be a state visit marking the 25th anniversary of the Soviet-Finnish Treaty. Finland's draft agreement with CEMA, initialed in Moscow last month, may be formally signed.

Brezhnev's visit to Bonn--the first by a top Soviet leader--will be much more significant. It will put the finishing touches on Moscow's reconciliation with West Germany, and give a major boost to Soviet detente tactics toward Western Europe. Brezhnev may sign an accord on long-term economic cooperation, as well as lesser agreements on cultural and scientific exchange.

This flurry of activity adds momentum to Moscow's effort to improve its position in the West at a time when Soviet policies in Asia and elsewhere remain complicated by China's hostility.

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PANAMA

Foreign Minister Tack and UN Ambassador Boyd evidently are pleased with the support they received at last month's UN Security Council meeting. They are said to believe that the US veto helped Panama's cause.

General Torrijos, however, seems less certain how well Panama fared in the Security Council. [REDACTED]

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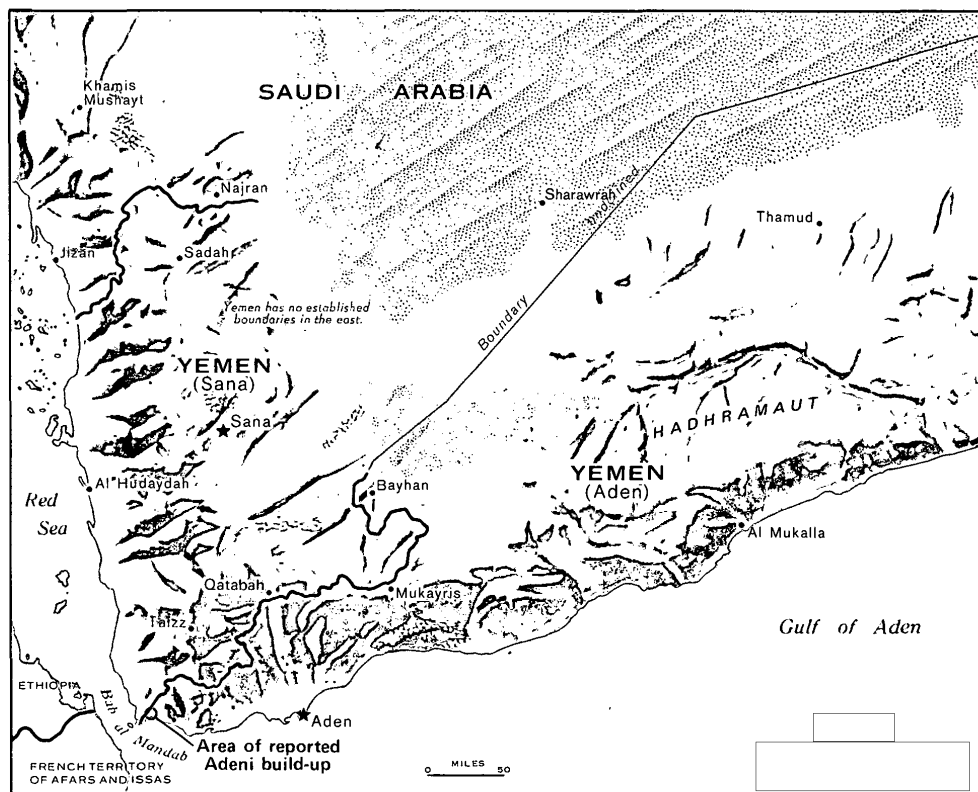
[REDACTED] Torrijos believes that by forcing a US veto Panama weakened its bargaining position.

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Until he completes his current consultations with local leaders and gets a fresh reading on Washington's attitude, Torrijos is unlikely to take any action that might further strain relations with the US. In the meantime he has ordered student leaders to cancel plans to picket the US Embassy.

Tack plans to attend the OAS General Assembly session that begins in Washington on Wednesday, when he might again raise the canal issue. He has expressed approval of Peru's wishes for a complete restructuring of the OAS system.

Tack apparently hopes to continue the cooperation with Peru that began for the Security Council meeting.



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THE YEMENS

Yemen (Sana) says it expects Aden to attack next week. Sana has given the US Embassy a detailed briefing on Adeni plans, which were allegedly provided by an agent in Aden. The attack reportedly will begin on April 10 in the area of the Bab al Mandab straits and, if successful, will be followed by an assault on a provincial capital, Taizz. Sana also says it fears Aden will attack islands in the Red Sea and has appealed for urgent deliveries of US military equipment.

We have nothing to confirm these allegations,

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We suspect that Sana has overstated its fears in order to make the US receptive to its request for aid. In fact, such a broad offensive would probably be beyond Aden's present capability.

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Aden could mount smaller attacks, however, and some of its recent propaganda suggests it may have this in mind.

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